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WHITE HOUSE SABOTAGING ARMS CONTROL TREATIES

LD301606 Moscow TASS in English 1552 GMT 30 Jul 82

[Text] Moscow July 30 TASS -- TASS military news analyst Vladimir Bogachev writes:

The U.S. administration with such a hurry delivers one blow after another at the arms limitation and reduction agreements and accords and so categorically rejects any proposals on measures to stabilize the military-political situation in the world, that one involuntarily gathers the impression that Ronald Reagan is possessed by a fixed idea to break all U.S. curb-the-arms-race commitments before the end of his stay in the White House.

In recent weeks alone, the administration has refused to follow the USSR's example and to assume an obligation not to be the first to use nuclear weapons, has stated that it will not observe the terms of the treaties signed in the seventies if they interfere with U.S. plans of the creation of new nuclear armaments, and has made public its plans for deployment of anti-satellite systems in outer space. This is far from being full list of the overtly militarist measures of the U.S. administration.

Recently the Government of the United States announced a refusal to resume negotiations with the USSR and Britain on total ban of nuclear weapons' tests. The director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (Reagan has not yet changed the agency's name) has declared that the United States is steering matters towards renunciation of two Soviet-U.S. treaties signed: on limiting the parameters of underground tests of nuclear weapons and on underground nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes. Eugene Rostow motivated this decision by U.S. endeavours to hold "new negotiations" on these problems.

Murray Marder, observer of the Washington POST, commenting on this decision of Reagan, quotes one high-ranking spokesman of the U.S. administration who has stated with bitterness that it seemed to him that the Americans propelled the process if only slightly. He said that, judging by everything, however, the matters now stand in such a way that everything apparently goes to hell.

The White House, pursuing its present policy in the field of "arms control", sees its task only in inventing as far as possible more or less convincing "arguments" to justify its sabotage of the agreements and treaties. However, it fails even in that.

As the newspaper Washington POST reports, even some members of the Reagan administration describe as empty talk the official "arguments" in favour of U.S. renunciation of a number of limit-the-arms-race commitments.

Having renounced the negotiations on total ban of nuclear weapons' tests and virtually cancelling the other already reached accords on nuclear explosions, the President of the USA obviously wants to secure for the Pentagon an unimpeded right to carry out tests of nuclear munitions for the land-based missiles MX, sea-based missiles Trident, neutron bombs and shells, i.e. to spiral up the arms race.

Using the expression of the period of the American Indian wars of the 18-19th centuries, one could say that Reagan has openly taken the path of war. This is a course which is extremely dangerous to all peoples of the world and to the U.S. people as well.

It remains to hope that time will come when it will be possible to say: It is not with this administration that history began, and it will not end with it.

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NEW EDITION OF DEFENSE MINISTRY BOOK REVIEWED

LD052042 Moscow TASS in English 2004 GMT 5 Aug 82

["Whence the Threat to Peace" -- TASS headline]

[Text] Moscow August 5 TASS -- To justify the West's policy of ensuring military superiority over the USSR and the Warsaw Treaty, the West has fabricated a myth about some "Soviet military threat" and is now supplementing it with propositions about a "lag" of the USA and NATO in the military field and other inventions, says the second enlarged edition of the book "Whence the Threat to Peace." The book has been issued in the Russian and foreign languages by the USSR Defence Ministry.

The facts cited in the book show that Washington has for decades appeared as the initiator of the arms race, in the first place, of mass destruction weapons. The United States has not only created the atomic bomb, but also used it, when there was no military need, against the peaceful population of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In face of that hanging danger, the USSR took retaliatory measures by creating its own atomic bomb. Such things also happened thereafter. It was precisely the USA which initiated the strategic arms race.

In the fifties, under the pretext of a "lag in bombers" the Pentagon accelerated the implementation of a large-scale programme for their construction. When a whole armada of such bombers was created in the USA, "it was found out" that their number in the USSR was deliberately overestimated three-four fold. In the early sixties, a clamour was raised about a "missile lag of the USA." With that aim the alleged "Soviet missile threat" was overestimated 15-20 times. Initiated at the same time was an American programme for the construction of 41 nuclear-powered submarines with ballistic missiles. At that time nobody had such submarines. The United States was the first to start at the turn of the seventies equipping strategic ballistic missiles with multiple independently targeted warheads, thus starting a new round of the nuclear arms race. Following that it began at an accelerated rate the creation of strategic weapons of a new type -- long-range nuclear cruise missiles.

Last year, the book points out, President Ronald Reagan passed a decision on full-scale production of neutron munitions. And lastly, when already having the world's biggest chemical weapons arsenal, the USA started the production of new chemical munitions -- binary ones -- and equipping its armed forces with them.

The USSR never strove for ensuring military superiority, and always confined itself to measures that are indispensable for ensuring its own reliable security and that for its allies.

The United States is trying to upset the parity of the military forces, which has taken shape, the military-strategic balance. The same aim is pursued by the U.S. President in his programme for a comprehensive build-up of strategic arms, which was announced in October 1981. The Reagan programme embraces all components of strategic offensive arms and includes the deployment of new intercontinental ballistic missiles MX and new strategic bombers, the construction of nuclear-powered Trident missile-carrying submarines, stepped-up production of cruise missiles of various types and other measures, says the book "Whence the Threat to Peace."

U.S. CITES 'MILITARY THREAT' TO GET ARMS EDGE

LD051530 Moscow TASS International Service in Russian 0405 GMT 5 Aug 82

[Text] Moscow, 5 Aug (TASS) -- The leaders of Western countries above all those in Washington, are carrying out all their attacks against detente and real socialism using as a screen the hypocritical fabrication of the "Soviet military threat," writes Lieutenant General (D. Volkogonov), Doctor of Philosophy, in the army newspaper KRASNAYA ZVEZDA today.

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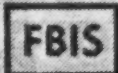
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U.S. PLAN AIMS AT 'PROTRACTED NUCLEAR WAR'

LD171324 Moscow TASS International Service in Russian 1235 GMT 17 Aug 82

["Concerning Yet Another Military Directive" -- TASS headline]

[Text] [no dateline as received] From a report in the U.S. press it has emerged that on the instructions of President Reagan the U.S. Defense Department has completed a strategic plan aimed, as the document says, at guaranteeing for the United States "the capability to conduct a protracted nuclear war with the Soviet Union."

The new Pentagon plan is part of the overall military strategy of the U.S. administration. A report published in the Los Angeles TIMES asserts that the plan is to supplement the strategic doctrine of the previous administration known as Presidential Directive No 59, which for the first time officially proclaimed limited nuclear war as permissible and even possible.

The public of the United States and of the entire world has condemned this open course of President Carter toward preparing to unleash nuclear war. The appearance of Directive No 59, along with other militarist plans of the former administration, evoked a mighty antiwar movement in the West which called for averting the nuclear threat.

During the 1980 election campaign, Ronald Reagan did not let the opportunity pass to criticize the foreign policy of his predecessor. At times he almost adopted the pose of an opponent of war, assuring the electorate that if elected president he would ensure peace. However, as soon as he entered the White House, Reagan set matters in a different direction. Top among his priorities was an arms race unprecedented in size. Not a trace remained of his election promises.

Now Ronald Reagan is replacing the Carter doctrine by an even more militaristic one which is hostile to the cause of peace and mankind. Summing up this plan, the same Los Angeles TIMES wrote the other day: "President Reagan's strategic doctrine goes even further in formulating a position on combat operations during the course of a nuclear war than Carter's document did since its objective is to gain a victory in a 'protracted' nuclear war." The paper reports that in accordance with this strategy, the administration has already included in its budget \$18 billion for the creation of a communication and control system with troops which "would withstand a protracted nuclear war."

A legitimate question arises: Does the Pentagon realize that the actions of the aggressor, no matter what they are called -- "limited nuclear war," "preemptive nuclear strike" and so on -- will unavoidably and immediately cause a retaliatory strike? Only people with no common sense can assert that nuclear war can be limited by any sort of framework or that anyone can win it.

The irresponsibility of the authors of the new doctrines is causing profound anxiety in the United States. Cyrus Vance, a former U.S. secretary of state, has stated that "to speak of conducting a protracted nuclear war is madness." General D. Jones, who recently left the post of chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stressed that nuclear war can be neither "limited" nor "protracted."

There is another sensible path which makes it possible to avoid nuclear catastrophe and preparation for it. The Soviet Union has shown the initiative and has taken upon itself a pledge not to be first to use nuclear weapons. If the same pledge was adopted by other nuclear powers, in practice this would mean a rejection of the use of nuclear weapons. Unfortunately the U.S. administration has not given a positive response to the Soviet initiative.

PRAVDA ON ROLE OF NUCLEAR WAR IN U.S. STRATEGY

PM171411 Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 16 Aug 82 p 6

[Article by Lt Gen D. Volkogonov: "On the Tightrope of Tension: The U.S. Militarists' Dangerous Preparations."]

[Text] Never before has the struggle against the threat of nuclear war been as fierce as it is now.

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YURIY SOLTAN ON U.S. NUCLEAR DIRECTIVES

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[Text] We begin with a commentary by Yuriy Soltan. He discusses some of the White House's directives concerning the U.S. nuclear strategy.

The American leaders do not seem to have a shortage of plans for conducting a nuclear war. They are playing with the nuclear weapons as with a favorite toy, wondering how to use it better. According to their own admission, the United States has already several times been on the brink of using it and the danger that eventually they will do that is becoming more and more real.

The people on whom depends whether this fatal button in the United States will or will not be pressed are under a dangerous illusion that it is possible to win a nuclear war. The head of the Pentagon, Caspar Weinberger, said he knows no such defense minister who doesn't intend to win a victory. And these are not just fancy-sounding words. The head of the U.S. Defense Department himself signed directives on building up the U.S. Armed Forces in the next 5 years. In them, it is stated directly that if there is a nuclear war, the United States should get the upper hand and force the enemy to agree to terms that are favorable to America.

The same can be said about the new presidential directive which provides for waging a protracted nuclear war, continuing for no less than 6 months, and for building up the necessary potential for a victory in that war. Besides -- and that is put down in the Army manuals -- the stake is made on delivering the first strike at the enemy to disarm it. And who will that be? Washington points directly to the Soviet Union and other socialist countries but not only to them. The presidential national security aide, William Clark, stressed that America's interests are in a global character and that means no country situated in the different regions of the world, those which the United States claims as regions of its vital interests, can feel safe.

Washington not only increases its nuclear potential in Western Europe but deploys its forward-based nuclear systems in the Far East, in the western part of the Pacific, in the Indian Ocean and in the Persian Gulf. Today, even U.S. allies describe the military doctrines of the present Washington administration as madness, suicide and a planned nuclear catastrophe. To somehow calm them, the Pentagon has sent its man, Richard Perle, to Western Europe and Caspar Weinberger himself has sent letters to scores of newspapers, in which he claims that the American nuclear strategy is allegedly misinterpreted.

However, the U.S. leaders have many ways of showing their peaceful intentions in practical deeds, not words. Very convincing would be the decision of Washington to follow the example of the Soviet Union and pledge not to be the first to use nuclear weapons. When refusing to take that step, when developing new variants of a victorious nuclear war, the United States demonstrates in a most insolent way, that it has no concern for the future of peace and the world.

U.S. STANCE ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS CRITICIZED

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[Text] The Soviet-American talks continue in Geneva on limiting strategic arms. An American delegation spokesman at these talks has said that the United States also attaches exceedingly great importance to achieving a comprehensive and effective banning of chemical weapons. Our news analyst Yuriy (Konolov) has contributed this comment on the statement:

Chemical weapons and their lethal effects can be likened probably only to nuclear weapons. In view of their dangerous and inhuman nature, the Soviet Union has repeatedly proposed to the United States and the other Western countries that agreement be reached on completely banning their production, stockpiling and use. But on each occasion such Soviet initiatives have been rejected by the United States and its NATO allies. Each time there was something or other that did not please them in the Soviet proposals.